THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

WRIT PETITION NO. 12085 of 2007

Dated: 09.08.2007

Between:

Rathlavath Kishan and others.

..Petitioners.

And

The Superintending Engineer/Operation,
Mahabubnagar, Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Company Ltd., Mettu Gadda, Mahabubnagar.

..Respondent

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ORDER:

The petitioners, who are working as Junior Lineman on contract basis in the respondent-APCPDCL, have applied for the posts of contract Junior Lineman pursuant to the notification issued in the year 2006 by the respondent-Corporation, but the said posts have not been filled up. They state that recently, the respondent-APCPDCL has issued proceedings for filling up the posts of Junior Lineman as notified in the year 2006. Their grievance is that though they are fully qualified and eligible for being appointed as Contract Junior Linemen, the respondent-Corporation has not issued them call letters for interview. Hence, they filed the present writ petition.

2. This Court, while ordering notice before admission, directed the respondent-APCPDCL to file counter-affidavit, but no counter-affidavit is filed though the matter underwent several adjournments.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that instead of keeping the writ petition pending, a direction may be given to the respondent-APCPDCL to consider their cases for appointment, and in the event they are not eligible to be appointed, the reasons

therefor, may be communicated to them.

4. The respondents though did not file counter, the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent-APCPDCL on instructions submitted that the respondents would pass appropriate orders.

5. In view of the stand taken by both the counsel, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions:

The respondent-APCPDCL is directed to consider the case of the petitioners if they are eligible, or else, intimate the reasons of their non-eligibility, expeditiously, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 09.08.2007

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